

# GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

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The purpose of the general education curriculum is to provide Concordia University students with the opportunity to grow in their ability to:

- discover, confront and explore unfamiliar information and ideas;
- use available academic resources and skills to think analytically, critically, and synthetically;
- use appropriate and current technology for research and problem solving; and
- ideally move beyond the academic data itself to formulate and express new insights and ideas.

## Fine Arts (Minimum 4 credits required; two courses from two different areas – Art, Music, and Theatre)

The fine arts curriculum increases students' awareness, understanding and critical appreciation of varied aesthetic expression; and seeks to foster their creative talents. Nursing students, admitted to program, fulfill this requirement with 2 credits.

Code	Title	Credits
ART 101	Approaching Art <sup>1</sup>	2
ART 103	3D Design	3
ART 104	Introduction to Art History	3
ART 111	Drawing I	3
ART 221	Painting I	3
ART 241	Photography I	3
ART 261	Ceramics I	3
ART 342	Digital Photography	2
MUS 120	Listening to Life: Western Classical Music	2
MUS 121	Listening to Life: Global & Popular Music <sup>1</sup>	2
THR 101	Introduction to The Theatre	2
THR 160	Introduction to Dance	2
THR 221	Acting I	4
THR 251	Stagecraft	4

<sup>1</sup> Recommended for Teacher Education students

## History and Political Science (4 credits required)

History offerings help students understand historical sources on their own terms and to recognize the interplay of political, intellectual, social, economic and cultural factors in the development of civilizations. It thereby provides one method whereby present-day circumstances can be better understood and evaluated. Political science courses help students understand their own government and the role of each citizen in the democratic process. Applied globally, political science pertains to the relationships between different governments and peoples and explores how their interests and welfare are connected by many of the same factors examined by historians. Nursing students, admitted to program, select one course in History/Political Science or Literature.

Code	Title	Credits
HIS 212	Introduction to History	4
HIS 220	Leaders in American Society	4

HIS 231	USA to 1877	4
HIS 233	USA since 1877	4
HMG 110	Introduction to Hmong History	4
POL 131	Government and Politics	4

## Communication (4 credits required)

Communication courses pertain to the study of verbal and nonverbal messages between communicators in interpersonal, group, public, intercultural and mass media contexts. Communication theory and analysis informs student choice of ethical as well as effective strategies and skills used to relate and respond to ideas.

Code	Title	Credits
COM 103	Interpersonal Communication	4
COM 212	Public Speaking	4

## Global Studies (4 credits required)

Global courses help students recognize global interdependence and/or cultural connections and enhance students' ability to work constructively with a people, language, or culture other than their own.

Code	Title	Credits
ART 374	Art of Mexico	4
ART 375	Art of Asia	4
ART 376	World Art	4
COM 309	Intercultural Communication <sup>1</sup>	4
ECO 101	America in the Global Economy: Macroeconomics	4
ENG 376	World Literature II: Geographic or Thematic	4
GRK 211	Beginner Greek I	4
HIS 121	World History	4
HIS 267	Introduction to Latin America	4
HMG 201	Hmong Culture and Society	4
SPA 101	Beginning College Spanish I	4
SPA 102	Beginning College Spanish II	4
SPA 201	Intermediate College Spanish I	4
International Study programs		
SPA 202	Intermediate College Spanish II: Second Semester	4
SPA 301	Advanced College Spanish I	4
SPA 302	Advanced College Spanish II	4
SPA 401	Advanced Spanish IV: Topics in Spanish Linguistics, Writing or Culture	4
SPA 402	Advanced Spanish IV: Readings in Contemporary Spanish Literature	4
SPA 403	Advanced Spanish IV: Voices of Latinos in the U.S.	4
NUR 360	Transcultural Nursing & Advanced Health Assessment <sup>2</sup>	4
POL 243	Contemporary Global Problems	4

<sup>1</sup> Recommended for nursing (pre-licensure) majors

<sup>2</sup> Designed for nursing (RN to BSN) majors only

## Social and Behavioral Science (4 credits required)

Social and behavioral science courses provide the perspectives and tools for students to understand human behavior individually, in groups and in organizations.

Code	Title	Credits
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology <sup>1</sup>	4
SOC 152	Introduction to Sociology	4

<sup>1</sup> Recommended for Teacher Education and Nursing students

## Health Science (3 credits required)

The health science curriculum provides students with the resources and strategies necessary for healthy, balanced and vigorous lives. RN to BSN Nursing students can fulfill this requirement with submission of current nursing license. Nursing students, admitted to program, fulfill this requirement with NUR 382.

Code	Title	Credits
KHS 110	Health Science	3
NUR 382	Health Promotion and Assessment <sup>1</sup>	3

<sup>1</sup> Designed for Nursing majors only

## Literature (4 credits required)

The literature curriculum helps students develop their abilities to think critically about, write coherently on and discuss enthusiastically a variety of literary texts; students develop both an intellectual understanding of the power of literature and an aesthetic appreciation for diverse literary works. Nursing students, admitted to program, select one course in History/Political Science or Literature.

Code	Title	Credits
ENG 155	Introduction to Literature	4

## Mathematics and Science (7 credits required)

Mathematics offerings are designed to develop students' understanding of basic mathematical concepts, to develop their abilities to analyze and solve mathematical problems and to promote mathematical awareness in the analysis of problem solving strategies and the interpretation of results. Science courses examine the physical nature of the world. Biology involves plant, animal and human life; physical science deals with the processes of the earth; while earth science studies the earth and the universe.

Students take a minimum of 7 credits of mathematics and science, with the prescribed number of credits in each of areas.

### Mathematics (Minimum 3 credits required)

Incoming students are initially placed in math courses according to their math ACT scores. Students who do not have a current math ACT score or those who would like to change their placement will need to take the Math Placement Exam.

Code	Title	Credits
MAT 101	Contemporary Mathematics	3
MAT 110	Introduction to Probability and Statistics	3
MAT 165	Quantitative Reasoning for Health Care Professionals <sup>1</sup>	3
MAT 200	Foundations of Elementary Mathematics <sup>2</sup>	4

<sup>1</sup> Designed for Nursing majors only

<sup>2</sup> Recommended for Teacher Education students

## Science (4 credits required)

Code	Title	Credits
BIO 120	General Biology I	4
CHE 105	Chemistry for Health Sciences	4
CHE 115	General Chemistry I	4
PHS 221	General Physics I (Calc Based)	4
SCI 120	Live Science: How Scientific Issues Impact Your Daily Life	4

## Religion and Theology (6-8 credits required; 3-4 Introductory, 3-4 Intermediate)

Students in traditional programs meet their general education requirements in theology by taking a course from the "Biblical" category and a course from the "Intermediate" category. Students in professional church work programs must select from those courses in both categories that are also requirements in the minor in Lutheran Theology. Students in adult undergraduate programs meet this requirement by taking a combined course that meets the outcomes in the intro/intermediate areas.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Introductory (3-4 credits)</b>		
THL 100	The Biblical Heritage of Christianity	4
THL 200	Scripture and its interpretation: A Global Introduction to the Bible	3
<b>Intermediate (3-4 credits)</b>		
THL 310	Archaeology and the Bible	4
THL 316	The Death of Jesus	4
THL 325	Christian Ethics	4
THL 317	Old Testament Prophets Today	4
THL 342	Athens and Jerusalem: Philosophy and Christianity	4
THL 344	Martin Luther: Saint & Sinner	4
THL 345	Callings: Christianity and Vocation	3
THL 353	Christianity and World Religions	4
THL 354	Christian - Muslim Relations	4
THL 355	Understanding World Religions for Healthcare Professionals <sup>3</sup>	1
THL 356	One Nation under God? Christianity and Politics in America	4
THL 357	Christianity and the Media in Contemporary Culture	4
THL 359	Theology and Art	4
THL 371	Mission of God	4
THL 377	Faith and Justice in the City	4
THL 378	Christian Vocation and Ethics for Healthcare Professionals <sup>3</sup>	1
THL 431	Lutheran Doctrine I <sup>1</sup>	3

<sup>1</sup> Designed for professional church work students only

<sup>2</sup> Designed for students in adult undergraduate programs only

<sup>3</sup> Designated for Nursing students only

**Writing (4 credits required)**

The writing course provides students with an awareness of written communication—specifically the process of research, synthesis and analysis—as well as opportunities to practice their own writing skills in an academic setting.

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ENG 120	College Writing	4